

23. (new) The apparatus according to Claim 9 wherein said clamping means has a mesh capable of holding said excised tissue upon said tray.

24. (new) The apparatus according to Claim 9 wherein said clamping means has a membrane capable of holding said excised tissue upon said tray.

25. (new) A holder for facilitating imaging of excised tissue comprising a container having a window upon which said excised tissue is disposed, and at least one clamp member extending into said container onto said excised tissue capable of restraining said excised tissue in a position with respect to said window, wherein said excised tissue is imaggable through said window.

26. (new) The holder according to Claim 25 wherein said clamping member represents one or more fingers capable of restraining said excised tissue in a position with respect to said window.

27. (new) The holder according to Claim 26 wherein said each of said fingers has a spring biasing the finger to restrain said excised tissue with respect to said window.

28. (new) The holder according to Claim 25 wherein said clamping member represents a mesh capable of restraining said excised tissue in a position with respect to said window.

29. (new) The holder according to Claim 25 wherein said clamping member represents a membrane capable of restraining said excised tissue in a position with respect to said window.

30. (new) A method for imaging excised tissue comprising the steps of:
providing a container having a surface for placement of said tissue;
restraining said tissue in said container against said surface; and
imaging said tissue specimen through at least part of said surface of said container.

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31. (new) ~~The~~ method according to Claim 30 wherein said restraining step is carried out with the aid of one or more members extending into said container.

32. (new) The method according to Claim 31 wherein said members represent fingers.

33. (new) The method according to Claim 32 wherein said restraining step further comprises the step of biasing each of said fingers to restrain said tissue against said surface.

34. (new) The method according to Claim 30 wherein said restraining step is carried out with the aid of a mesh in said container.

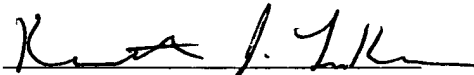
35. (new) The method according to Claim 30 wherein said restraining step is carried out with the aid of a membrane in said container.

Remarks

Please enter the above amendments in the application for consideration by the Examiner.

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